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Avoid the Costs of 'Free' Money

by Renée Novy

You've seen them. They fall out of brand new school books. They're stuffed into campus "welcome packs." They're pasted on classroom walls.

Eye-catching ads, promising to effortlessly find you "free" financial aid out of the growing pool of countless unclaimed grant or scholarship dollars are everywhere.

Students, be warned.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is currently in pursuit of companies that have fooled college students out of tens of millions of dollars each year by enticing them to pay money for basic advice about finding scholarships.

Nadine Samter, an attorney for the FTC based in Seattle, Wash., said the agency hears about these cases often enough for the FTC to initiate a "sweep" of questionable companies

within the last six months.

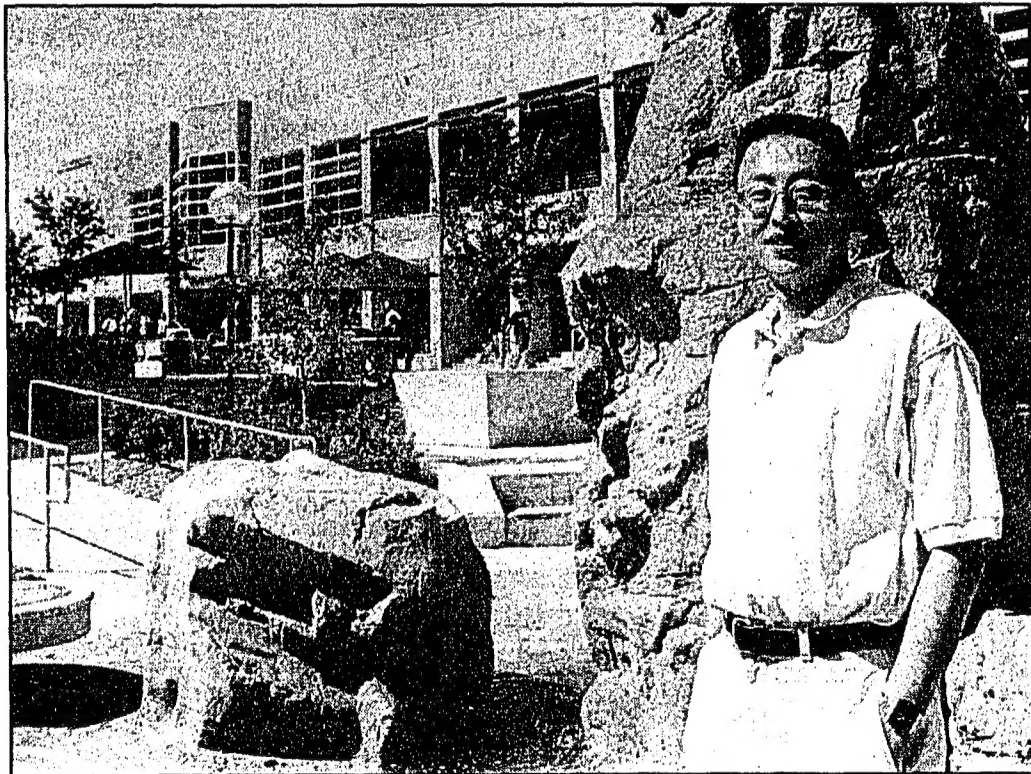
Called "Operation Missed Fortune," this federal/state enforcement crackdown focuses on business opportunity and employment schemes. The FTC has sued eight "scholarship scam" companies as a result of the action.

"Most of the information these companies are trying to sell to students is available in the public domain," Samter said.

The FTC advises students looking for financial aid that no scholarship search can *guarantee* a student will receive a scholarship. Such promises, according to the FTC, are "a red flag for fraud."

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focus



Ni "Phil" He hopes to finish his doctoral dissertation this year, becoming one of the first students to earn a PhD in Criminal Justice from UNO.

Chinese Student Overcomes Obstacles, Earns PhD

by Wendy Townley

China native Ni "Phil" He is hardly what one would call a typical college student. A UNO Senior, Phil is now concluding his study to earn one of UNO's first PhD's in Criminal Justice. But the events that led up to this point are far from ordinary.

Born in China, Phil attended Xiamen University in Fujian, a city in the People's Republic of China. He obtained a Bachelor of Law degree in 1988. During his time there, though, several of Phil's professors, who also happened to be

American, realized his potential.

"Many of my professors recommended I further my education in the United States," Phil said. "At the time, I was studying law. I knew that America's Universities had high reputations for their collegiate education. So, with that in mind, I attended Western Illinois University here in the States."

Struggling to overcome both cultural and language barriers, Phil began his schooling. After some time he decided he would rather study Criminal Justice than Law.

While attending WIU, Phil was not merely a student. He worked as a Research Assistant at the Department of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration at the University.

When he concluded his study at Western Illinois University, he was again counseled by his professors to continue his education.

"Working closely with my professors, they knew I wanted to major in Criminal Justice. They rec-

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Go Deep!



Campus Recreation's intramural flag football season is up and running. J.D. Head (T5) and Dave Holmes (right) are among those who played Wednesday in the Pep Bowl.

UNO Class Brings Cather to Life

by Anna Basso

You flip the page of your favorite novel, anticipating the next scene. Perhaps it is a scene in a European castle or maybe it is a town in rural Nebraska. Now imagine that, after reading the novel, you have the opportunity to travel to the place you just read about. For a few graduate students this summer, that fantasy became a reality.

A unique class was offered by Bruce Baker, former professor of English at UNO, that offered students the opportunity to get an up-close look at one of Nebraska's most famous authors. The "Willa Cather Seminar" provided students with on-site experience to Willa Cather's writings.

The seminar is the only literature class at UNO that goes on site to the actual setting of a writer's work.

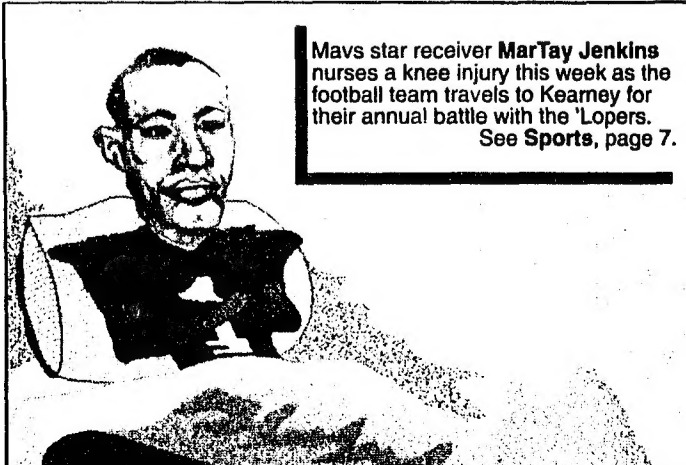
During the second week of class everyone traveled to Red Cloud, NE. Inside an elementary classroom the group discussed Cather's works and then traveled to sites, such as the farmhouse from "My Antonia".

"I enjoyed being onsite. It brought the stories to life," said Emily Mindrup, one of the students that participated in the class. "I was very interested in seeing the places where writers based their work. I'm glad the class was available."

Dr. Baker also traveled to the place he calls a "gold mine" for information. The town of Red Cloud is small and unurbanized. The students and Baker stayed in the only motel in town, Green Acres Motel. It was, according to Baker, the per-

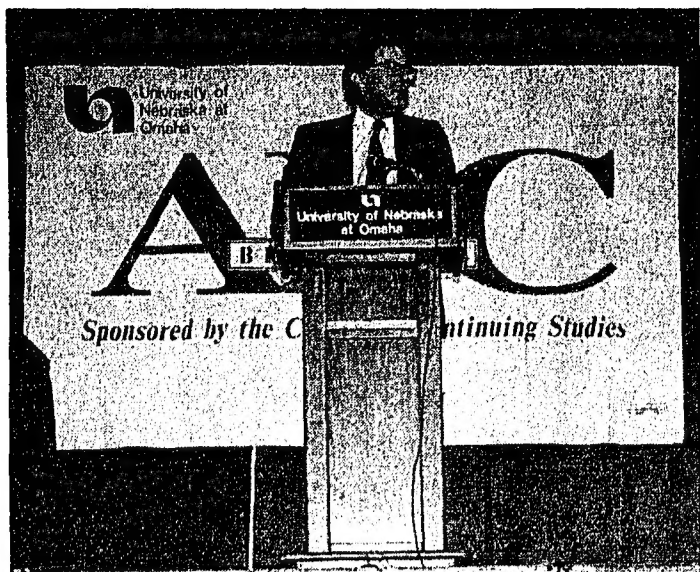
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...and the agony of de knees



Mavs star receiver MarTay Jenkins nurses a knee injury this week as the football team travels to Kearney for their annual battle with the 'Lopers. See Sports, page 7.

Are You A Middle-Classer? Then Read This



Author and speaker Kevin Phillips was the first featured speaker in this year's series of ABC breakfasts.

by Renee Ryan

A motivational pep-talk was not on the agenda as Kevin Phillips spoke at the ABC breakfast on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Author of several books including, "The Politics of the Rich and Poor," "Boiling Point: Republicans, Democrats and the Decline of Middle Class Prosperity," and "Arrogant Capitol: Washington, Wall Street and the Frustration of American Politics," Phillips spoke on "The Frustration of the Middle Class."

He said the growing gap between the rich and poor hurts the middle class because the view today is skewed towards the people at the bottom.

Right now things seem good for Nebraska as compared to the crop

failures in recent years for other states, Phillips said, but he predicts a future downward trend in the economy for the entire country, including Nebraska. He believes the country is in a long recession, after declaring the median income stagnant over a quarter of a century.

The unemployment rate may seem low, but the figures are misleading, Phillips said. Many people have dropped out of the work force, are not actively seeking employment and, therefore, are not officially counted as unemployed. In reality, 90 percent of men were in the work force a few years ago compared with 70 percent now.

In 1981 and 1986 the Midwest went through a tough period due to farm troubles; now that trend has

spread to the rest of the country, Phillips said. The Midwest appears to be doing well only when compared to other areas of the country still retracting from the '80's.

But Phillips believes one good change in the Midwest is the shift in farming to high tech. He discussed the recessions of 1961-1969 and 1982-1990. The first occurred due to Vietnam, according to Phillips, and the second was worsened by the 1987 stock market crash. "We are now pushing 92 months in recession and that is not good," Phillips said.

The stock market only predicted one of these recessions. The market is so intimately involved with

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Gateway events calendar Coming Up

Friday 12th

8:00 p.m. "Nebraska Dancing" featuring UNO "The Moving Company," the "Omaha Dance Collective," and UNL's "The Wagon Train Project" Creighton's Lied Center, 24th and Cass \$10, \$8 seniors and students

Saturday 13th

9:00 a.m. "Kick Out Cancer" sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha sorority Al Caniglia field or fieldhouse (if rain) \$50 per team of 10

11:00 a.m. official Zeta Chi football tailgate featuring the raising of the sack-o-meter
UNK visitor parking, bring your own food

8:00 p.m. "Nebraska Dancing" Creighton's Lied Center, 24th and Cass

Sunday 14th

4 p.m. Tuesday Musical Series featuring Ignat Solzhenitsyn Strauss
Sunday Supper with the Artist" following

Tuesday 16th

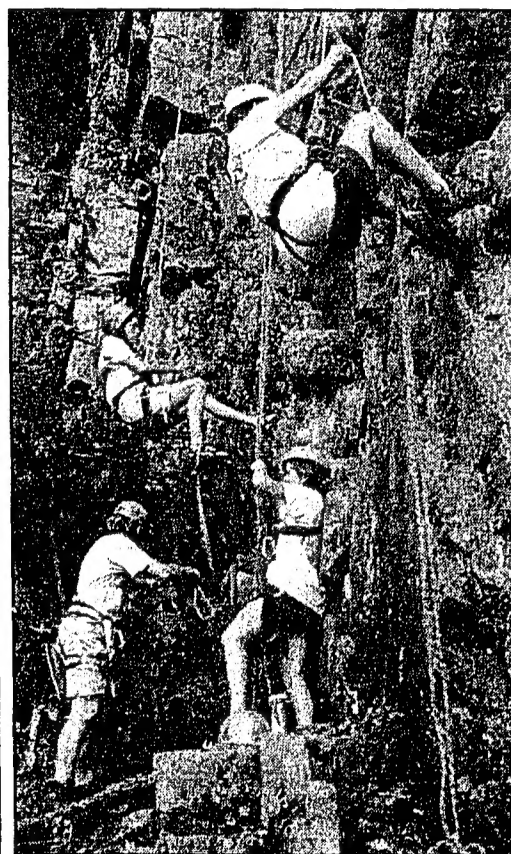
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Boutique Afrique" featuring Eugenia Sassne's dance troop
MBSC Nebraska Room

Wednesday 17th

11:30 a.m. Gender Olympics pep bowl; girls against guys! call 554-2730 to register a seven person, single-sex team

7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Recital featuring Karen Becker, cello, and Theresa Bodard, piano
Strauss, \$5, \$4 seniors
UNO staff and students free

Cliff Dwellers Discovered



Well, they are cliff dwellers of a sort. These climbers are taking part in the Outdoor Venture Center's leader's rock climbing trip to Palisades State Park near Sioux Falls, S.D. Here the climbers are practicing how to ascend a rope using prussiks. The exercise was part of a three day trip for volunteer leaders to work on the skills needed to safely teach rock climbing. Pictured clockwise from the top are Jill Jaworski, Cheryl Winje, John Gray and Angel Jibben.

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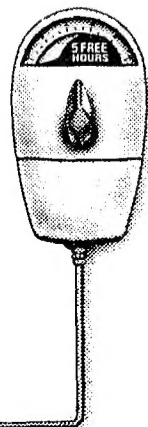
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Top 15 Percent Turn Keys and Open Doors

by Hyrum Wilson

Each fall, the UNO Chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society recognizes the top juniors and seniors at UNO.

The top fifteen percent of the student body can be honored by membership in Golden Key.

Members gain career assistance, can apply for special scholarships, and write for national publications.

The Golden Key National Honor Society chapter is not limited to academic endeavors. Golden Key has developed a reputation for serving the community through various activities like Toys for Tots, collecting pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and volunteering for the Special Olympics.

UNO Golden Key Chapter President, Kevin Karmann outlined some future plans for Golden Key, "We will carry dinners to

families at the Ronald McDonald House on September 22. On October 12, all new members will be inducted and we still plan to do Toys for Tots this year."

Karmann said that if students want to help the Ronald McDonald House, Golden Key is still collecting pop can tabs. Pop can tabs can be dropped off at the Golden Key cubicle in Student Office and Leadership Development (SOLD), located on the first floor of the Student Center.

Golden Key is internationally based, with UNO being one of 259 chapters located worldwide.

A Golden Key information table is located in the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Requirements for membership include a lifetime fee of \$52.00, junior or senior status, and a minimum 3.3 GPA.

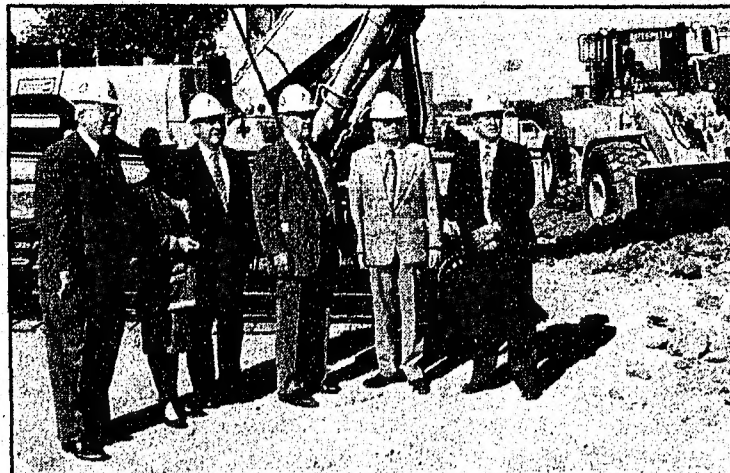
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ommended I attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha, to attain my PhD in Criminal Justice," Phil said.

So, in 1994, he began the last leg of his educational goal here at UNO. He is currently working on his dissertation and expects to finalize his education this December. With his objective nearly in reach, Phil is looking to the future.

"This spring, I will be teaching at the University of Texas at San Antonio. I will be teaching both Criminology and Police in Society. I wish to thank Sharon Emmerly, at the International Student Department and the faculty and staff at the Criminal Justice department here at UNO. They have helped me so much along the way."

Suits Amidst the Rubble



A delegation of NU dignitaries attended Wednesday's IST&E groundbreaking, including NU President L. Dennis Smith (left) and, next to him, UNO Chancellor Nancy Belck.

by Stephen Croucher

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Institute of Information Science, Technology and Engineering (IST&E) building were held on Wednesday.

The Institute will provide academic, research and service programs through the University Nebraska-Lincoln College of Engineering & Technology and UNO's College of Information Science & Technology.

Officials participating in the event included, Governor Ben Nelson, University of Nebraska President L. Den-

nis Smith, University of Nebraska Foundation President Terry Fairfield, Senator Joyce Hillman of Gering (participating via satellite from Scottsbluff), and Walter Scott Jr., chair of the Institute's Board of Policy Advisors. Representatives of the Board of Regents, the Nebraska Unicameral, UNO, UNL, local government leaders, civic organizations and UNO students took part in the groundbreaking ceremonies.

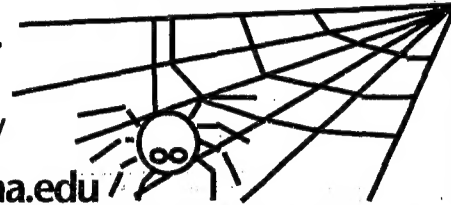
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Gateway Opinion

Running Lights and Friendly Gestures

opinion by Sean Guilfoyle

I could see it changing as I approached. In a split second, I decided to heed it. It was as clear as day, something I had been taught to do since childhood. A simple change of color. A traffic light.

Many factors are involved in the decision to run or not to run a light. We're given a small window of time to make up our minds — about the same amount of time a baseball player has to decide whether or not to swing at a pitch.

The consequences of swinging and missing are relatively inconsequential. You swing, miss, get a strike called, maybe even strike out. You sit down. You're given more opportunities throughout the course of the game.

This is not always the case in the wild, wacky world of traffic.

So, I was going about the same speed as the vehicle next to me. As the light changed, I made my decision. I stopped. The other vehicle, decided to go (license number 59-A693Z — just kidding).

I was in a hurry, but could see the benefits of not wrapping my car around the grill of a Mack truck.

I always check my rear view mirror to make sure the car behind me is paying attention. Maybe it's because of a tale my father once told me:

Traffic had come to a complete stop and a vehicle approaching from behind, which he had noticed in his rear-view mirror, wasn't slowing down. Quickly, he had maneuvered his car to the shoulder of the road, narrowly avoiding a collision from behind. (In reality, it was likely my dad who wasn't paying attention, but let's allow his story to live on.)

Anyway, on this occasion, the driver behind me did stop, but was clearly agitated. I peered in the mirror, trying to see the driver. As if the rear view mirror transformed itself into a lip reading device, I made out the words "son of a b*tch" from the gentleman's (jerk's) mouth. I didn't run the light, so now I'm a menace to society.

I don't take "road rage" well. I have a bit of an Irish temper, and it is at its fullest when I'm behind the wheel. Someone cuts me off, I yell. Someone runs the light while I'm trying to turn, I yell. Someone pulls out a gun, I duck and punch the accelerator, hoping not to run into anything.

The guy behind me was clearly enraged for no good reason, so I took advantage. The light changed to green and I gently pressed the pedal. The man raised his hands in frustration, muttered gibberish, and turned beet red in the face. I naughtily turned around, looked at him, and waved, smiling and laughing.

I've found this road maneuver to be very effective. Nothing pisses me off more than some driver who has cut me off, waving and laughing when I honk. It works every time.

What can you possibly do to counter a wave and a laugh? A one-finger gesture? That simply draws more laughter and a more vigorous wave. A gunshot? Well...

Being the gun-shy guy that I am, I decided to leave the infuriated man alone. Soon he sped by and I continued on my journey to school.

As I approached the next intersection, the light started to change. I glanced at my watch, and decided to punch it. Hypocritical? Absolutely. But you try to explain my tardiness to my eight o'clock professor. I think I'll take my chances on the road.

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To Learn . . .

opinion by Tamra Willett-Johnson

Last year, my best friend was having fits trying to get through a English Lit. survey course. Adding to the usual difficulty of wading through Chaucer, she was taking it via correspondence school and had no teacher to help.

"Why do I have to learn this stuff anyway," she cried. Actually, she didn't say "stuff" but I am trying to decrease the level of gratuitous cussing in the world.

"No one will ever ask me about this story — which I can't understand anyway. What good is learning about all these dead guys and their work?" she wailed. Actually, she didn't wail, but I am sure she would've if she was that type of person.

Well, said I, looking sagely into the distance — actually, I was squinting from my cigarette smoke, but I doubt she could tell the difference — "having everyone take the same type of courses, such as British Lit., provides a basic level of knowledge. Disparate people can then get together and have familiar themes, words, and ideas to talk about." Warning to my topic, I heatedly lectured her on this point for some time. It speaks to her level of forbearance that we are still friends.

Aside from the pure knowledge standpoint, having an acquaintance with the classics — from Homer to Hemingway, Socrates to Shakespeare, Johnson to Joyce — provides powerful tools to communicate ideas, thoughts and feelings. Knowing the stories gives us a shortcut, a sort of verbal shorthand to communicate our thoughts.

Think of all this shorthand we use everyday — calling him a Romeo, saying she is tilting at windmills, or referring to Kennedy's Whitehouse as Camelot — all came from the pen of dead men. Us-

ing these terms not only gives an immediate picture to the listener, it also makes a connection to the hundreds of thousands of others who have used such a phrase. The same words uttered from different mouths creates a chorus of wondrous sound that reverberates through the ages and brings down the mountains of ignorance and confusion.

I am not just talking esoteric egg-head blue-stocking jargon either. Steve Martin had a hit when he updated Rostand's

"Cyrano de Bergerac" as the romantic comedy "Roxanne".

My "More Data" became a successful musical known as Camelot. Recently, Jane Austen and the bard himself are experiencing a renaissance due to the efforts of film makers.

There's been much debate about doing away with teaching the works of dead white men in college. What about the writings by people of color or by women? Why teach me about works written by people so different from me that I can't relate? I feel belittled and insulted having the words of white men shoved down my throat-teach me about people like me!

Putting aside the difficulties in finding enough literature by women and people of color — literacy and the gifts of Gutenberg being clenched in the fists of rich, or monastic, white men for centuries — I believe dead

white guys still need to be taught, not in order to oppress, but to liberate.

"We can learn even from our enemies," said Ovid, one of the most dead white guys. How can we begin to change injustices or right the wrongs unless we know who we are fighting? Perhaps seeing the white men who shaped the western world via their writing as enemies is incorrect. At the least, the term sets up boundaries and turf with the ensuing vision of war.

But the sentiment is correct. Knowing how the majority of the literate experienced the world is helpful when setting out to alter it. You have to know how a car works before you can tweak it — how to make a chain stitch before attempting an afghan. And though I prefer reading the words of women, I have learned more than a thing or two from the dead white guys. Their work is famous for more reason than the fact that they controlled the ink and owned the paper.

Though I pled my case for learning literature eloquently, and with the minimal amount of drama — actually, I did pound the table a time or two and I uttered "To be or not to be" in the appropriate world-weary tone, but only in order to emphasize a point — I lost this battle with my friend, as she slammed Chaucer shut and hasn't peeked at him since. I hold out hope however. The next time she asks me what so-and-so meant by such-and-such I'll simply tell her to look it up. Actually, I'll probably answer first as turning down a request to explicate literature is as hard as turning down a Tollhouse cookie fresh from the oven. But then I'll tell her to look it up — and I'll really mean it.

Not to Learn



photo by Chad Greene

Showcase UNO, a showchoir in its first year, features the talents of music majors and football players alike.

I Sing and I Can Kick Your Ass

by Wendy Townley

There is a new show in town. And in its first year, "Showcase UNO" hopes to do just that: showcase UNO.

But there is a twist to this show (and a jitterbug, a mashed potato, and a few other dance moves). Showcase UNO is a showchoir.

"It is definitely more of a show; very interactive and theatrical," said junior Doug Helvering.

And what exactly is a showchoir? It is a small ensemble of singers and musicians who engage the audience with catchy tunes and lively, but simple dances. But that is not all. This group, headed by director Leana Goodrich, thinks it is a good way to have a blast, too.

"I am looking forward to this year," Goodrich said. "It should be a lot of fun."

While the majority of "Showcase UNO's" participants are music majors, perhaps the most surprising member of all is Junior Warren Whitted. The fact that Whitted is a broadcasting major isn't what makes him quite so unique. Besides participating in "Showcase UNO," Concert Choir and other musical groups around Omaha, Whitted is a defensive tackle for the UNO Mavericks.

"When the other members of the foot-

ball team heard I was a singer, they just laughed and thought it was a joke," Whitted noted. "My close friends knew — and now, so does the rest of the team. I think my teammates even respect me a little more because of it."

Whitted has participated in music long before he played any athletics. "I have been involved with music since elementary school. I have participated in Opera Omaha and was a counselor at the Show Choir camp of America as well."

Whitted went on to say that music has always surrounded him. "My family is very active in music, so it never seemed weird to me. Music came way before athletics. While playing football pays for my schooling, participating in music allows me to express myself. I am glad that I am able to do it."

Also included in Showcase UNO is sophomore Martin Thies. A major in vocal music education, Thies believes this year's group is very talented.

"While the auditions were very competitive, I think we have found the best performers for the job," Thies said.

A piano performance major, Senior Cam Botos considers the diversity as a strong point for the group. "We seem to draw off

of everyone's experience," Botos said. "We all come from such diverse musical backgrounds, that we all learn something from one another. And it has benefited us in the long run."

Each of the 22 members are involved in other things outside of "Showcase UNO." Both Thies and Helvering participate in upwards of five additional musical clubs.

"We are a team," Helvering said. "We all must work together to be successful, despite our obvious busy schedules."

Showcase UNO Director Goodrich also said she enjoys the opportunity to participate in the arts. "I wanted a part-time job, so that I could still raise a family," Goodrich said. "I wanted to be involved with the Arts as well, so this appeared and turned out to be the best option."

With Leana Goodrich as their director, the members of this musical ensemble share their director's excitement for the new year.

According to Goodrich, Showcase UNO plans on participating in the Jazz Festival this spring, held on UNO's campus. "We hope to start a dinner theater soon. We hope this will bring in some revenue for our organization," Goodrich said.

Do you consider the Student Center the "living room" of campus? Why?



Becky Hill
Junior/Education

No, it doesn't feel homey. Too many people here.



Jason Stoddard
Sophomore/Blotech

Yeah, lots of profanity and odoriferous goodies laying about. But we need music piped in. Not Polka or anything.



Beth Klitzke
Freshman/Business

No because I can't walk around in my underwear.



Caleb Schantz
Junior/International Studies

No, I don't have fast food restaurants in my living room.



Have Something On Your Mind?

write a letter to the editor

Pardon Me, But Would You Have Any Bone Marrow?

by Helen Evans

The National Marrow Donor Program and the American Red Cross have united together in celebrating National Marrow Donor Awareness Month in September.

The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) was established in 1986. It is a sanctioned network of donor centers, collection centers, transplant centers, and recruitment groups that assist patients afflicted with leukemia or other blood diseases in finding volunteer donors for transplants and similar forms of therapy.

For some leukemia patients and others with related diseases, a marrow transplant is their only chance at life. Fortunately, about 30 percent of patients who need these transplants have a matching marrow donor in their family.

But the remaining 70 percent rely heavily on finding an unrelated individual with an exact bone marrow match.

Anticipating the difficulty in this process, the NMDP formed a Registry and currently there is a 75 percent chance of finding a match.

Presently, there are 101 NMDP donor centers na-

tionwide. "Our continued public awareness and recruitment have helped increase the NMDP Registry, which currently contains 2.7 million donors," said Paulette Dellovechio, NMDP marrow coordinator at American Red Cross Midwest Region Blood Services. "There are more than 11,000 volunteer donors on our local Registry, and we will add to that number throughout September and October."

Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and be in good health. A blood test is then performed to determine the volunteer's bone marrow tissue type. Next, the donor's name is placed into the Registry and, if properly matched to a recipient, the volunteer undergoes a surgical procedure to remove the marrow. All of the donor's expenses are paid.

"Celebrating Second Chances" is the theme for the National Marrow Donor Program's campaigns. Several marrow drives are scheduled locally throughout September and October to promote awareness and to recruit more Registry members.

Those interested in learning more about the marrow program can call 1-800-MARROW-2 or visit the web page at www.marrow.org.

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The Educational Planning Center (EPC) serves the local Omaha area. The company is designed specifically to provide many free sources of financial aid information — the same information these companies try to sell to students.

"We provide a number of up-to-date scholarship reference books, or books on specific scholarships that cater to specific groups, like children of veterans, minorities and women," said Dianne Fick, director of EPC.

"Students can also link into FASTWEB online here. It's the most widely used free scholarship search on the Internet," Fick said.

"Still, we always emphasize to students that they'll probably want to try for federal financial aid first, though for many people, it's hard to find free money," Fick said.

Beyond the difficulty some students may experience trying to qualify for federal aid, Fick said it's hard to compete for national scholarships due to the high number of people who apply for each scholarship.

"We tell students to apply for scholarships through the school they attend (or plan on attending), and tell them not to focus totally on national scholarships."

"Some people come in with the idea that they'll win a ton of scholarships. But in reality, it can be a lot different," Fick said.

Local or campus libraries and financial aid offices are other likely targets for financial aid information. They can point all those interested toward the right databases or online search engines if necessary.

Still, the FTC warns that many of those companies looking to make a fast dollar at the expense of those already in need of free cash still advertise in school papers, place leaflets in campus bookstores, and sometimes manage to position themselves on lists established fi-

nancial aid centers provide, Samter said.

Other than making yourself aware of what to avoid as far as these ads are concerned, Samter said that schools can do media screening to prevent these ads from being put in campus bulletin boards, boards and book stores.

The FTC stresses that the most effective way to eliminate these scams is through education of their intended victims.

The agency provides a list of 6 hints to help students avoid possible scams. For more information, visit the FTC website, at www.ftc.gov.

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Fund A refund forms for the summer semester are available in the administrative offices of the Milo Bail Student Center

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University financial aid offices are good places to find help when searching for scholarships and other money for school, according to the FTC. The UNO Financial Aid office, pictured above, is located in the Eppley Administration Building near the Registrar's office. Information on everything from scholarships to loans is available.

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Cather Gets a Facelift

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fect setting to view Cather's works.

"It was a wonderful feeling reading the works in the original setting," said Baker. "The town of Red Cloud is very authentic."

While the town itself is beautiful, some of the sites the group visited were not. Mindrup noticed the sites were in need of minor repair. She made a suggestion to Pat Phillips at the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Education Foundation. He agreed with her and on September 20 of this year, the first annual Willa Cather work day will take place.

According to Mindrup, some of the sites are in good condition, while others only need minor repairs, like painting or

trimming of hedges. Craftsmen take care of most of the preservation, trying to stay faithful to the tradition.

"I know many of these places need hands-on labor which is why I suggested the project," said Mindrup.

Baker fully encourages the preservation of the sites. "I don't want to see the sites go into decline," he said.

The work day will be held on September 20, in Red Cloud, NE. All supplies will be donated by a local merchant. Volunteers will be working on a site featured in Cather's "My Antonia". Students or faculty interested in volunteering, they can contact Emily Mindrup at 896-0887 for more information.

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finance, that we can no longer count on the stock market to predict itself, Phillips said.

One audience member questioned Phillips about the scandals associated with the campaign fund-raising. "We need an amendment to stop misappropriations," Phillips said, "yet the idea is implausible."

He said the lack of public trust of campaigns can be seen at the polls. Voter turnout among registered males is the lowest since the Civil War.

Phillips had no answers for presidential misconduct, though he took some jabs at President Clinton's morality and said he sees no decent Republican candidate for president so far.

The next ABC Speaker's are Colonels Nancy and Jerry Jaax on November 12, 1997. They plan to discuss the lethal Ebola virus.

Rags to Riches in UNO Women's Athletics

Claussen announces May 31 retirement

By Marylynne Ziemba

In athletics, women have come a long way, baby — and no one knows it more than Connie Claussen.

With the announcement Wednesday of her retirement May 31, the associate athletic director not only looks toward her future and retirement, but at the history of UNO athletics as well.

"One of the biggest comparisons is when we were able to come over to the Fieldhouse to practice," Claussen said of the first women's softball team she coached at UNO. "We didn't even have offices over here yet. The locker room for the female athletes was in the corner of a shower room for physical education. We'd take some of the shower heads so that the students wouldn't come in and turn the showers on and get water in the lockers."

The renovation currently under way at the fieldhouse will represent yet another step forward for women's athletics. "Next year, every sport will have their own individual locker room."

When she started her 35 year career at UNO, Claussen was an assistant professor in physical education. Her involvement in UNO athletics was full-speed-ahead from then on.

Claussen played a big role in bringing some women's sports to UNO. "In '69, we were co-hosting the women's college world series," Claussen said. "I thought that since we were one of the co-hosts, it would probably be good to have a team. I knew there

were some women on campus who played summer softball and I got them together. We practiced a couple of times. We went to the bookstore and bought some shorts — I think we dyed them black because they were blue — and some sweatshirts. That was the beginning."

For a team to play, travel and compete, Claussen knew they needed more than players. They needed cash.

"We had no money," she said. "At that time, we had what was called the women's recreation association and we were able to get a couple thousand dollars out of it. We

started practicing in a quonset hut — a round, metal building over where the parking garage is now — and the ceilings weren't very high.

"When I first started, I was teaching physical education. I had no thought of doing anything with athletics because at that point in time, that wasn't the thing for

women to do. I look back and think it would have been great to have had that opportunity when I was going to college or even high school."

How far has athletics come? When she looks back, Claussen marvels at the changes and achievements that have been made.

"We've come a long way from being in the quonset hut or in the corner of a shower room," she said. "We have a great gender-

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"I think some of the walls that we ran up against and bounced off eventually cracked and we got through. But that was because of lots and lots of support from people."

Connie Claussen

University of Nebraska at Omaha SPORTS

Lady Mavs Look to Leave Losses in the Past

The 3-5 Lady Mav Volleyball team will have a chance to boost their season record this weekend as they travel to the NCC/Cornell Sun Challenge at Southwest State University (Marshall, Minn.) this weekend.

The Lady Mavs will face Minnesota-Duluth 4 p.m. on Friday. Saturday's games will be against Northern State at 10 a.m. and Southwest State at 2 p.m.

Senior Tanya Cate, who earned all-tournament team honors at the Grand Canyon Tournament, recording 52 kills, 38 digs and nine stuffs in their four games, is listed among the probable starters for this weekend. Other probable starters for the Lady Mavs will be Cheri Pribyl, Krista Niezwaag, Tracy Ankeny, Erin Shafer and Christyn Malone.



Lady Mav middle blocker Kim Gerdes, senior, stuffs a recent opponent.

photo by Steve Houston

Football's Fallen Star

Jenkins out for season; college career may be over

by Andy Nordmeier

The Mav football team will have to endure the rest of the season without star receiver MarTay Jenkins.

Jenkins injured his knee during the first quarter of last Saturday's game against Central Missouri State University. The arthroscopy performed by Dr. Michael Walsh confirmed the severity of the injury. Jenkins is sidelined indefinitely with a lateral meniscus tear and a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his left knee.

Walsh repaired the tear in the cartilage Monday and is scheduled to rebuild the ACL in three to four weeks.

Jenkins was a Harlon Hill Trophy contender. The Hill trophy is the Division II equivalent to the Heisman Trophy in Division I. Last

season he was all-conference with 848 yards receiving on 36 catches; eight were for touchdowns.

"When you lose a player like that it's not an easy void to fill," said Head Coach Pat Behrns.

With the injury, sophomore Yano Jones of Omaha Northwest has his chance to be a significant contributor on offense. Along with Jones, Vong Xaykossy, Tim Sullivan, and flankers Tyrone Tyler and Jay Uphoff will become targets for quarterback Ed Thompson.

"We might not have the speed and size, but we'll make up for it," Jones said.

Thompson expects not too much change with the absence of Jenkins.

"Basically, MarTay is a big play maker and I just got to work on the

easy passes and not going downfield too much," Thompson said.

Despite being a senior and having used his redshirt year, there is still an opportunity that Jenkins may return to action next season. The school may apply for a medical hardship for Jenkins in an attempt to have him return for the 1998 season. If he succeeds in getting it granted, he will be rendered ineligible for all athletic competition in the second semester of this year.

A press conference has been scheduled for today at 3:30 p.m. where Jenkins will address the media and announce his future plans. Behrns summed up the situation by saying, "We did complete one game without him. Now we have to complete 10 more."

Sports Shorts

Women's Cross Country Team Hosts Opener

Seymour Smith Park on 70th and Harrison Streets will be the site where the Lady Mav cross country team will have their season opener during the UNO invite Saturday.

Men's and women's teams from Midland College, Creighton, Mount Marty and Hastings will participate in the invite, which begins at 10 a.m. for women and the men's events will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Head Coach and two-time consecutive NCC Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year Tim Hendricks will begin his eleventh season with the Lady Mavs along with returning all-North Central Conference and all-NCAA II regional award winner sophomore Tara Bitloft. The Lady Mavs finished last season third in the NCC.

Thompson Div. II Player of the Week

Mav junior quarterback Ed Thompson was named this week's Nebraska Division II Player of the Week. His recognition as offensive player of the week comes after he rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries in the Mavs' 41-12 win over Central Missouri State.

Mav Terrell Spears was also considered for this week's honors for defensive player of the week.

Lady Mavs Fall to 13

After two disappointing losses last weekend, the Lady Mavs fell to 13 on the latest AVCA Division II Coaches Top 25 Poll. The 3-5 Lady Mavs were No. 6 in the poll last week.

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Gridiron Notes

by Andy Nordmeier

Injury Report

The status of linebacker Marcelles Walker is uncertain for tomorrow's match-up against the Antelopes. He passed out in a grocery store Monday night and is receiving treatment for an abnormal heartbeat at Bergan Mercy Hospital. This comes on the heels of a successful recovery from a torn ACL last season.

Athlete of the week

Junior quarterback Ed Thompson has been named Nebraska NCAA Division II football athlete of the week. Thompson rushed for 121 yards and added another 111 thru the air on 4 of 10 passing in the 41-12 win over Central Missouri State. He beat out Andy Follett of Wayne State, Anthony Simmons of Chadron State, and Nebraska-Kearney running back Shawn Smith for the honor.

This week's top 20

The Mavs hold their spot in the Division II poll this week staying at #13

with the win. Conference rival Northern Colorado still remains in the top spot this week. North Dakota picked up a spot to number 16 and Chadron State fell from 19 to 20.

Successful Safari

The Mavs have been successful in the past against the University of Nebraska-Kearney Antelopes. They have won six of the last seven games between the teams and hold a 17-7 series lead. The last win for the Antelopes was in 1994 when the Lopers slipped past the Mavs 13-12. That win is the only one for Kearney since the Truman administration when they took the 1948 contest by a count of 32-13.

Maverick rushing offense versus Antelope defense: The Lopers will send eight or nine men within 5 yards of the line of scrimmage to stop the UNO ground game. When they attempt this, it will leave single coverage on any receiver and could make for an air assault

by the Mavericks.

Players to watch: Keep an eye on the Antelopes' Mike Smith. He is the UNK all time receiving leader with 2,116 yards through the air. Smith also has six touchdowns on kickoff returns to his credit. For the Mavs, see how Thompson plays the option in this game as he faces the eight man front.

Ups and downs: UNO has won nine consecutive games in the regular season. The last loss was on Sept. 21, 1996 when the Mavs were edged 16-15 by Mankato State. The Mavs are also the owners of a five-game road winning streak. They have not lost away from Caniglia Field since Oct. 28, 1995 when they lost 34-7 to St. Cloud State. The Antelopes are currently in the midst of a five game slide. They dropped their last four in the 1996 season and also lost their season opener last weekend against Missouri Western 39-16.



Mav defenders Robert Brown (2) and Nate Sullivan take out a Central Missouri State player in last week's game.

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equity plan set up so we continue to increase our funding. And we're adding womens' sports. We've got full-time coaches, we've got assistant coaches, we've got support staff, and we've got training facilities. It's unbelievable how it has changed."

The biggest challenge, however, has been financial. Claussen said that fundraising, stereotypes and biased expectations were among the obstacles womens' athletics had to face.

"What was challenging was the lack of money," she said, "but also probably the stigma of women competing. You know, words like, 'tomboy' — you don't hear that word as much anymore.

"I think some of the walls that we ran up against and bounced off eventually cracked and we got through. But that was because of lots and lots of support from people."

Claussen compared the current funding and gender equity plan of UNO athletics to other schools nationally "I would put ours up against any institution in the United States," she said. "Fortunately, Del Weber was very supportive. Don Leahy and Bob Danenhauer set up a gender equity plan. On a lot of campuses they're having to drop men's sports. We have not had to do that."

"The last two years have been especially wonderful. Everything has fallen into place and so many good things are happening - and it's not just for the men's athletics," Claussen said. "We have great support amongst each other. It's just a very fun and positive time to be involved in athletics at UNO."

Claussen said she has always emphasized academics. "I'm proud that we continue to keep the word 'student' in front of 'athlete'," she said.

When she retires May 31, 1998, she said she will take time to relax... and get back to work. "I like to fish, I have a cottage in Minnesota, so I'll spend some time fishing. But I will come back and continue to work part time."

"I will still be out in the community with my hand out asking for money for athletics," she said. "I'm not one to just sit around. I've got to do something and do something that makes a difference."



Associate Athletic Director Connie Claussen

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Sophomore Kim Ferris working hard to perfect her breast stroke during one of the women's swim team practices. The team's first meet will be Oct. 31 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Aqua Dream Becomes Reality

UNO has first women's swimming team

By Amy Silver

After 10 years of waiting, Todd Samland finally has his dream, a UNO women's swimming and diving team.

Samland said he has been campaigning for a swim team since he was an aquatics club member in the early 1980s. "It has been a long process," he said, "and I'm very excited about this season."

With 14 members, many of whom still have three or four years of eligibility left, Samland is anxious to start the season.

With less than 10 practices completed, he admits that the team still has work to do before they are ready for their first meet, a dual meet Oct. 31 at the University of South Dakota.

"Right now, we are finding out what each member would like to accomplish as far as personal goals," Samland said. "Unlike basketball or football, where there is a 'team' with an offense and a defense, swimming and diving are very individualized, and I'd like to see each member achieve their personal goals, which we plan to set before the first meet."

1997-1998 Lady Mav Swimming and Diving Schedule

Oct. 31	at South Dakota
Nov. 1	at South Dakota State
Nov. 14	at Northern Colorado
Nov. 15	at Nebraska-Kearney
Nov. 22	at Jackrabbit Invite
Dec. 5	South Dakota State
Dec. 27 - Jan. 4	at Florida Training Trip
Jan. 9	Nebraska-Kearney
Jan. 10	Northern Colo., Truman St.
Jan. 16	at Buena Vista
Jan. 23-24	at Washington Invite
Jan. 31	South Dakota
Feb. 19-21	at NCC Championships; Grand Forks, N.D.

The first home meet will be Dec. 5 in UNO's Health Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) building. Samland said that he's excited about the first home meet in UNO's swimming facility. "It was built for competing," he said. "Our pool was meant to be more than just a teaching pool."

Samland has high expectations for his first team. "As a team, I'd like to have a couple individuals qualify for the top 16 at conference. As individuals, I want each woman to improve and reach her personal best time

for whatever events she competes in."

As with any team, the women's swimming and diving team has strengths and weaknesses. Samland said, "The women are displaying a high level of interest, participation and a strong personal commitment."

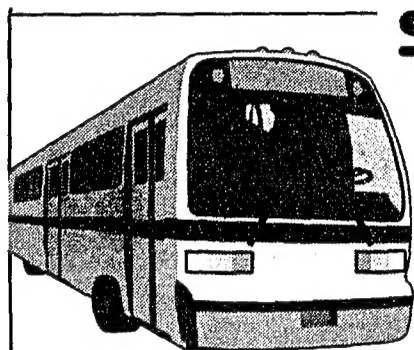
"As far as weaknesses, the level of adjustment is the only one," Samland said. "We have women who have never competed at a college level, and that will take a period of flexibility on my part and adjustment time on the women's part."

Samland praised his team for being adults about their sport. "They have been very communicative. They are trying to do their best for themselves and for UNO."

The members of the 1997-1998 Lady Mav swimming and diving team are: Kate Conklin, senior; Rebecca Ehrhardt, senior; Kim Ferris, sophomore; Erin Johns, junior; Tomomi Kano, junior; Kristy Malone, sophomore; Angel Mead, sophomore; Laura Miller, freshman; Nicole Nabb, sophomore; Steph Patterson, freshman; Carolyn Roberts, sophomore; Kim Smith, freshman; Jessica Taylor, freshman, and Heather Wickes, sophomore. Jean Apker and Doc Hill will be assistant coaches for the team.

The swimming and diving team provides UNO students who did not have the opportunity to compete in swimming a chance to do so. Samland invites women who are interested in swimming or diving to try out. "Anyone who wants to swim or dive deserves an opportunity to try and see what they can do at a college level."

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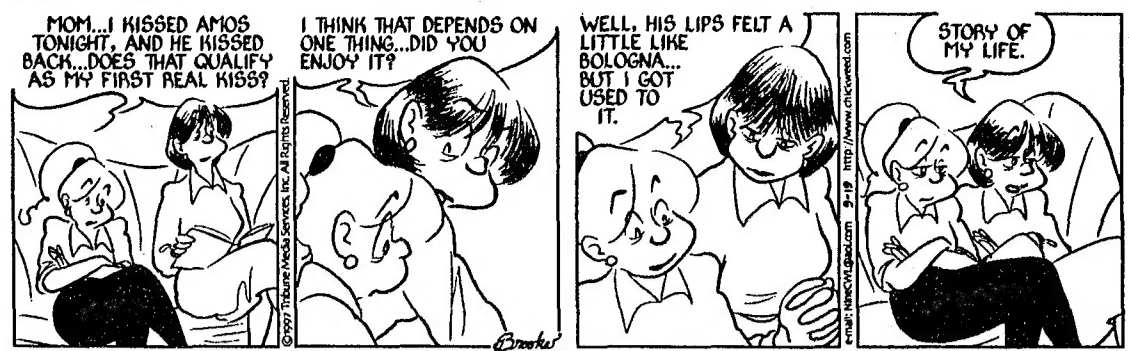
Sophomore Carolyn Roberts swims laps in the HPER building. The team's first home meet will be Dec. 5.

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CSU Begins Year With Wild Party, Arrests

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FORT COLLINS, Colo.—Students at Colorado State University began their school year the same way those at arch-rival University of Colorado ended theirs—with parties spinning so out of control things got smashed and burned in the streets.

Here, for the last two weekends, police used tear gas to break up off campus block parties that swelled to as many as 1,000 people. Each time, sofas were dragged outdoors and set ablaze, turning into huge bonfires as students piled on furniture and clothing. The first party was a back-to-school celebration; the second marked the annual Colorado-Colorado State football game.

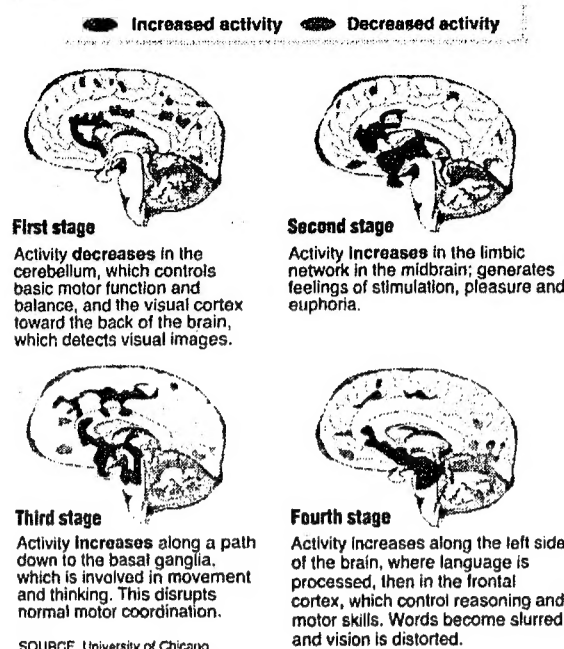
Opinions vary as to what triggered the incidents. "I don't think anybody has figured out what's going on with the students," said Jeannine Malmsbury, assistant director of public relations for the University of Colorado, where students rioted for three nights in May, breaking store windows and throwing rocks at police in Boulder.

But there's no disagreement on the common denominator: too much booze.

The problems here, coupled with the death last month of a Louisiana State

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University student whose blood-alcohol content was nearly six times the legal limit, have left college officials groping for more ways to deal with the volatile mix of students and alcohol.

Even before this year's incidents, Colorado and Colorado State had extensive policies and programs on alcohol. Some CSU fraternities are alcohol-free, and the school is encouraging the rest to follow suit, said Keith Miser, vice president for student affairs.

At the University of Colorado, fraternities are phasing in a ban on alcohol at parties, Malmsbury said. The school also is testing a two-year moratorium on beer sales during football games.

But when it comes to off-campus events that get out of hand, Miser said: "Well, those are extremely hard to prevent."

The immediate fallout here and in Boulder is a zero-tolerance policy by the universities and city officials for underage drinking and excessive partying in public.

"There's probably going to be a crackdown on house parties," said Brady Bowers, 22, a Colorado State senior who lives on the block where the

partying started last weekend.

On Friday, Bowers and his roommates had planned a kegger and a barbecue, along with several other houses on the street, as a way to celebrate the next day's football game and to raise rent money.

Instead, he said, word got around too fast, and too many people showed up. "It's important to say not just students were involved," said Steve O'Dorisio, CSU's student body president. "But it would be ignorant and naive to say no students were there at all."

So far three people—at least one a CSU student—have been arrested in the incident, police said.

"The police are going to be far more wary now," said Burke O'Brien, 19, a CSU sophomore and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, whose imposing white house is on the block where last weekend's party was held.

Fort Collins police vow they will videotape other public parties if they get out of hand. In Boulder, police are distributing photos from May's riots among returning students.

One thing for sure, said CSU's Bowers: "There aren't going to be any more big parties."

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